



First Reformed Church, Schenectady

In-person worship requires masks, distance,
and no singing.

Order of Worship September 13, 2020

Preacher: Bill Levering

Special Music: Gene Rowland

Prelude - Max Caplan

Greeting and Call to Worship

***Hymn This Is My Father's World 293**

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who did shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

***Our Need for God (unison)**

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things seen and unseen:
where we have destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.
Where we have taken majesty for granted, have mercy upon us.
When we have forgotten to care for the creatures of this earth,
give us new resolve.
Renew us in the waters of baptism,
refresh us with the winds of your spirit,
and sustain us with the bread of life, we pray. Amen.

***God's Forgiving Love**

***Response of Praise (hummed)**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

***Affirmation of Faith (FRC Creation Care Resolution)**

**Scripture reveals that God, through Word and Spirit,
creates, sustains, loves, and owns the world.
We commit to make care of creation
a central priority in our congregation,
for the blessing of the world, the strengthening of our lives, the
transformation of our communities, and the glory of God.**

Special Music

First Reading Genesis 4:8-16

Children's Message

Second Reading Genesis 2:7

Then the Lord God formed the human of dust from the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;
and the human became a living being.

Sermon "Grounded"

Musical Offering

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn - God Be With You -540

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Give no person evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak. **Honor all people.**
May the blessings of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be with you now and always.

Congregational Meeting - 11:30 am - Zoom

1. Call to Order and Invocation - Bill Levering
2. Appointment of Clerk of Congregation: Joanne Bedell
 - a. Clerk's Report
 - b. Approval of 2019 Minutes
 - c. Clerk's Membership Roll Changes
 - d. Fifty Year Plus Members
3. Officer Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Ministers' Reports
 - c. Senior Elders' Report
4. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Worship and Arts
 - b. Adult Education and Nurture
 - c. Youth Education
 - d. Support and Care
 - e. Finance
 - f. Property
 - g. Mission and Benevolence
 - h. Archives and Historical Concerns
 - i. Membership and Fellowship
 - j. Creation Care
5. Elections
 - a. Elders and Deacons
 - b. Congregational Representatives to Nominating Committee
 - c. Senior Elder Appointment
6. Recognition of Retiring Consistory Members
7. Certificates of Thanks - Bill Levering
8. Memorial Recognition - Daniel Carlson
9. Adjournment and Benediction - Bill Levering